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One of the greatest opportunities ever presented to any university is that which confronts Princeton in Peking, China. Several years ago the missionaries of all the societies at work in this city united in an appeal to the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations to send out an able secretary to inaugurate and carry on a comprehensive plan of Christian work for Chinese young men, especially the literati and other educated men. Princeton men have been offered the unique responsibility of establishing, developing, and guiding this Christian Association enterprise on behalf of the educated young men of this capital city of the Chinese Empire.

A STRATEGIC WORK.

The fact that this enterprise is to be concerned so largely with the student and literati class attaches to

it the greatest possible importance, for in China the student class wields an enormous influence. From their ranks come all the officials and leaders.

The need of these young men presents a convincing appeal for a ministry of practical helpfulness. With the exception of the modern educational advantages enjoyed by a few hundreds of young men, they are virtually without the means of physical, intellectual and religious education, and are destitute of uplifting social environment. The forces of evil are intensely active and vigorous on every hand, and are accomplishing with deadly effect their work of blasting character and enslaving men in sin.

The non-Christian religions have shown their inability to meet the needs of these men. Purely secular enterprises have likewise been found to be powerless to do what is imperatively required to build up a strong, symmetrical character and to develop the spirit of unselfish service.

Peking is the most strategic center in China. It is the capital of a nation of 400,000,000 people. The Northern Mandarin, of which the Pekingese dialect is the flower, is understood by more people than is any other language in the world. Whatever originates at this head city of the empire and is promulgated in its tongue has an immense advantage in these very facts.

This field is peculiarly ripe. This is shown by the success which is attending the various denominational missions at work in Peking and throughout the Imperial Province. The many educational enterprises and reform schemes which are being launched afford similar testimony. A marvelous change has come over China within the last five years, and notably within the past two years. The spirit of inquiry and the thirst for knowledge have begun to assert themselves in a marked degree. Fully 5,000 Chinese students have gone to Japan within two years to study

the secret of her progress. Deputations are being sent to Europe and America to study their life and institutions. Countless reforms are being agitated by the more radical Chinese reformers. Without doubt we shall see reproduced in China during the next thirty years on a colossal scale what has actually taken place in Japan during the last thirty years. There is to be a new China. What shall the leadership of this new China be? Princeton, through this Christian Association enterprise which she is establishing at the head center of the nation will do all in her power to influence the character of that leadership by the best Christian ideas, ideals, and spirit.

PRINCETON LEADERSHIP.

Robert R. Gailey, A. M., '97, who for eight years has been working as Princeton's representative in Tien-tsin, has been chosen to take charge of this new and significant undertaking. His varied and remark-



ROBERT R. GALEY, '97,
CENTRE ON THE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF 1896.

ably successful experience in influencing the literati and other classes of young men in that gateway city of North China, and his large acquaintance with Chinese officials and merchants and with the missionaries, have prepared him for this position of leadership. The work is to be done entirely by Princeton men, and one or two other Princeton men will go out with Mr. Gailey in 1906. Others will be associated with him as the work develops.

PRINCETON BACKING.

The entire support of the enterprise is to come from graduates, undergraduates, and special friends of Princeton.

Gailey's personal budget for an ordinary year is \$2,500, of which \$1,200 is for salary, \$600 for rent, and \$700 for such items as travel, language teacher, children's allowance, medical expenses, etc. As he is home on furlough this year and is to start back to China in the Fall,

the \$700 for items such as have just been indicated will be substituted by the expense of the journey of himself and family from New York to Peking.

Gailey desires to take back with him two Princeton men as associates. If these men are unmarried, their budgets will be \$1,500, or a total of \$3,000.

A special fund of \$2,000 a year will be required to provide equipment for use in the educational work on behalf of the literati and other influential classes in Peking, for the rent of temporary Association quarters, and for the employment of Chinese assistants.

A gift of over \$30,000 has been provided for an Association building to be devoted exclusively to Princeton's work on behalf of the literati and other educated men in Peking. A fund of at least \$5,000 is required to provide for the furnishing of this building, and a larger sum could be used to good advan-

tage. \$5,000 more is needed for a secretarial residence.

The foreign department of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, which has charge of all Association work in China and other nations in the Far East, will, together with the National Committee in China, have general supervision of the work carried on in Peking, which will therefore be wholly undenominational. The money will be forwarded through the International Committee, of which Cleveland H. Dodge, '79, is one of the most prominent members.

ORGANIZATION.

In December last the invitation of the International Committee was unanimously accepted by the undergraduates, on their part, and on, the basis of the amount already collected this year, a resolution was adopted increasing the annual contribution of the Undergraduate

Body towards Gailey's salary from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

At the same time, the Graduate Advisory Committee of the Philadelphian Society, in conference with, and with the hearty approval of, President Wilson, accepted the invitation in behalf of the friends and graduates of Princeton.

This committee, which is composed of

Cleveland H. Dodge, '79, Chairman,

John J. McCook,

Henry van Dyke, '73,

Luther D. Wishard, '77,

Walter A. Wyckoff, '88,

Charles W. McAlpin, '88.

Robert E. Speer, '89,

T. H. P. Sailer, '89,

Lucius Hopkins Miller, '97,

chose a sub-committee composed of

Lucius Hopkins Miller, '97,
Chairman,

Robert E. Speer, '89,

T. H. P. Sailer, '89,

to serve as an Executive Committee
for the purpose of raising funds and

securing Princeton men to assist Gailey in the work.

The following men also will serve as Advisory Members of the Executive Committee:

James S. Dennis, '60,

Thomas H. Atherton, '74,

Franklin S. Spalding, '87, and

Robert Garrett, '97, who will also act as Treasurer.

Representatives in each college class will solicit contributions from the members of their classes. The names of these men will be announced as soon as practicable.

NAME.

The name of the new organization is "The Princeton Work in Peking."

THE NEW BUILDING.

The site for the new building will be secured as soon as possible after Mr. Gailey's return to China in the Fall, and it is expected to complete the structure by the Spring of 1908. In the meantime, suitable quarters

will be rented and the religious and educational work begun at once.

THE NATURE OF THE WORK.

The forms of activity undertaken will be those naturally belonging to work in behalf of educated men.

Educational Work has proven in Tientsin the best means of entree to the favour of the educated classes, and undoubtedly in Peking the same will hold true. A School corresponding to our "academy grade," in which English, Mathematics, History, Geography, and Science, as well as the Chinese Classics, will be taught, will probably be one of the chief avenues of influence. In addition to that, Courses of *Popular Lectures* will be given touching upon the subjects which modern education is opening up to the Chinese mind.

Athletics and Physical Culture will receive prominent attention. The value of this was clearly demonstrated in Tientsin, not only because the young men were improved

thereby and their interest increased, but also the interest of many prominent Chinese and European officials and merchants was thus awakened. The Chinese take naturally to sports such as football, and it is the plan to have an *Athletic Field* and *Gymnasium* and all that those things imply.

The Social Side of the Work will be stimulated by frequent *Social Gatherings* as well as by intercourse with the Chinese in the homes and rooms of the Secretaries. *The Making of Social Calls* upon the Chinese in their homes will be, in Peking as in Tientsin, one of the chief means of widening the influence of the "work."

The Religious and Moral Development of the students reached in these various ways is, of course, the real aim throughout. In every way possible the Secretaries will seek to advance the Kingdom of God in the hearts of those whom they meet. *Bible Classes* as well as *Special and Regular Religious Services* will be

used to bring about this end, and it is confidently expected that the "Princeton Work," because of its non-denominational character, will become the rallying point for all the many religious and philanthropic enterprises already centered at Peking.

THE LANGUAGE.

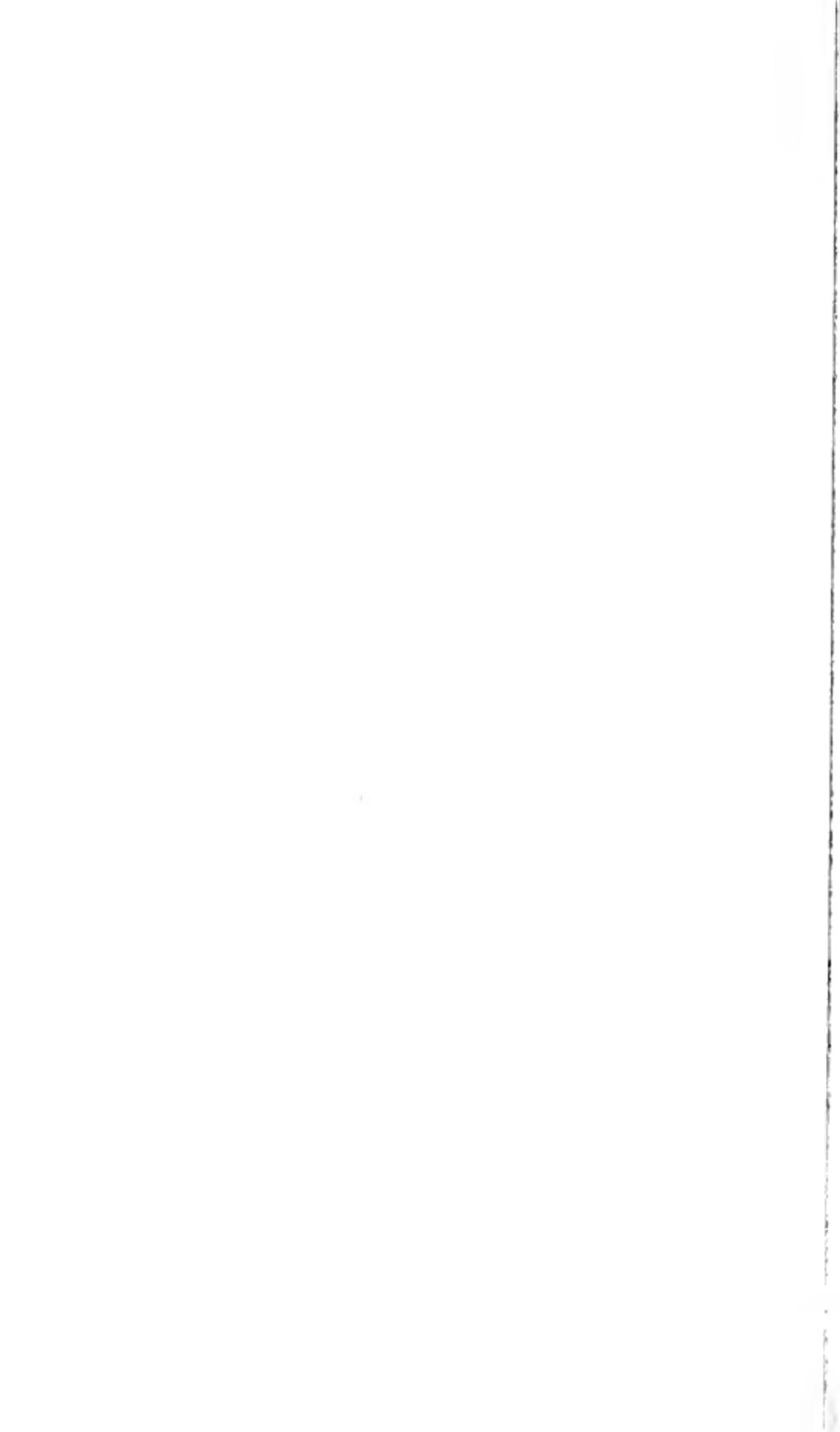
The language of all instruction, lectures and addresses will be Chinese, except in the English courses proper. It will be necessary, therefore, for those who go out to devote the best part of their first years to language study, but their usefulness will begin at once and will increase continually.

SECURING SUITABLE MEN.

The chief factor in the success of this undertaking will be the securing of men who are worthy to represent Princeton in a foreign land and able to do effective work. On account of the language study,

Gailey with Foreign and Chinese Assistants and members of Tientsin Y. M. C. A.





younger graduates are more to be desired. Every Princeton man can help by sending to the Chairman of the Executive Committee the names of eligible men.

FINANCIAL NEEDS:

As already indicated, the financial needs of the "work" are as follows:

1. THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

Three Foreign Secretaries . . .	\$5,500
Equipment, rent, Chinese staff .	2,000
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	\$7,500

2. SPECIAL OBJECTS.

Furnishing new building . . .	\$5,000
	and upwards
Secretarial residence'	5,000

(Rents are so high in Peking as to make it a good business proposition to own such a residence rather than to rent one. Unmarried Secretaries can live in the new building, but married Secretaries must live outside).

Deducting the undergraduate

subscription of \$1,500, we shall need from the friends and graduates of Princeton \$6,000 in 1906 and \$6,000 in 1907, besides the two special amounts noted above.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Two-Year-Annual Subscriptions to the budgets of the years 1906 and 1907 are especially solicited.

Contributions in lump sums will be welcome, whether given for the work in general or for a specially designated part of it.

Make all cheques payable to Robert Garrett, Treasurer, Continental Building, Baltimore, Md.

CONCLUSION.

The undergraduates are doing their share and are backing the new undertaking with spirit and generous contributions.

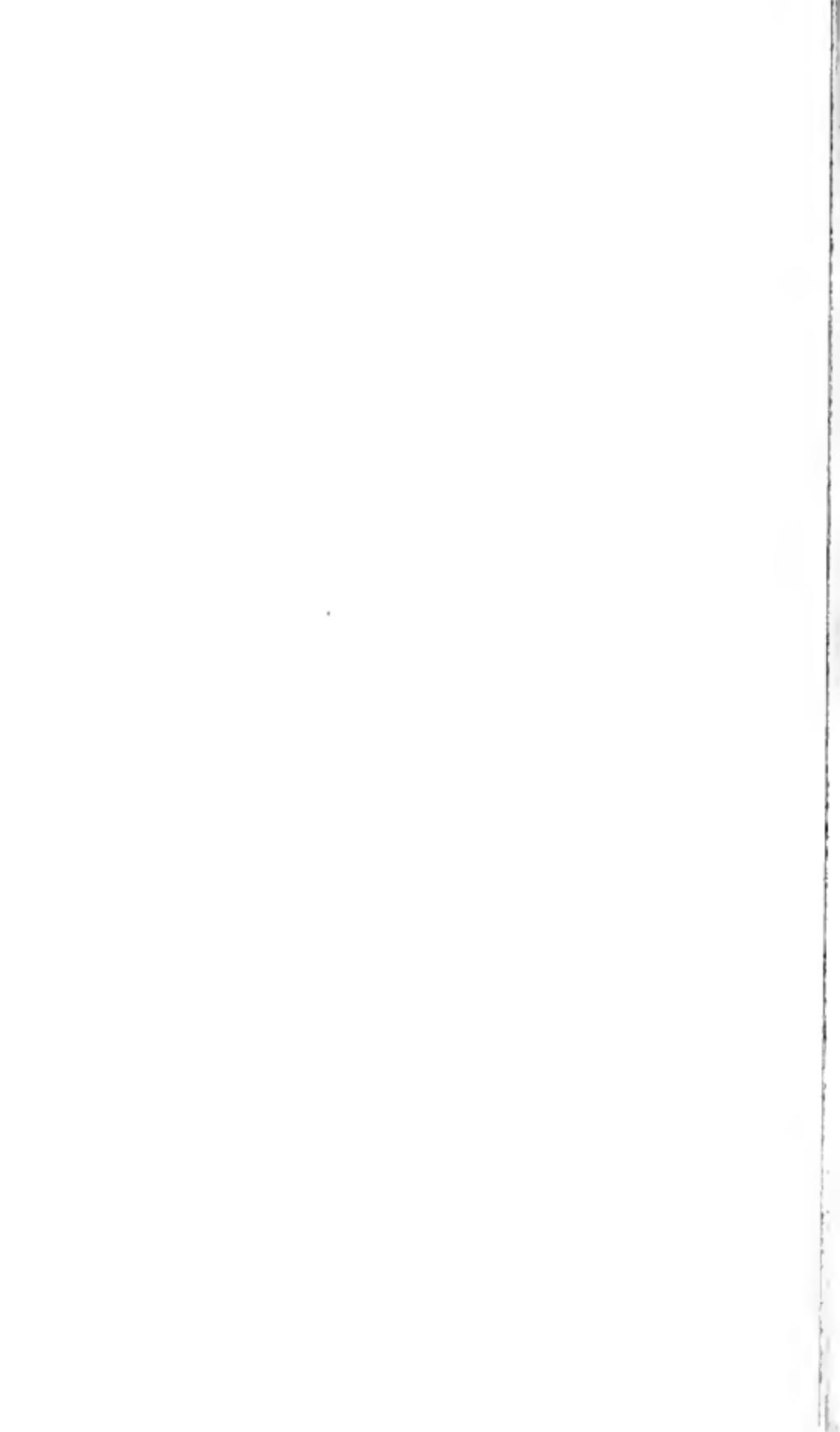
Prominent Alumni are deeply interested and are determined to make the plan an actuality, but the inter-

est and co-operation of all, and the money of all who can give, are essential.

Honor the appeals of your class representative and take a share in this great Princeton enterprise. It is but fair that we, who have received our rich educational inheritance from the East, should now dispense the benefits of that inheritance among the students of the Far East who stand in need.

Harvard is working for India. The University of Pennsylvania hopes to establish a Christian Medical School at Canton, in South China, and has already sent out a competent man as its representative. The Yale Mission, in Hunan, in Central China, has the first foundations of its University well laid.

PRINCETON MUST OCCUPY PEKING.



NAME

TWO-YEAR ANNUAL
SUBSCRIPTION.

1906.

1907.

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"LUMP" GIFT.

\$1,000	\$60
500	50
400	40
300	30
200	25
100	20
90	15
80	10
70	5

1. Fill in or check this slip and return at once.

2. Make cheques payable to Robert Garrett, Treasurer.

3. "Lump" gifts and annual subscriptions for 1906 are due before September 1st, 1906.

